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Dear Paul,

Re CDs 903, 906, LHO-HEW, I cannot find what you once sent me, indication that the State Dept notified the local office of certain benefits to which the returning ~~effected~~ defector would be entitled, under the law. I filed it by a subject that now escapes me, and not knowing the CD identification, I cannot retrieve it. If you can send me the citation, I'll find it. That and these two pages persuade me there should be a separate HEW file, for the FBI withdrew certain of the originals to begin with. These, of course, could have been only for samples of handwriting, etc.

However, reasonable as it may be that handwriting samples are among the more innocent purposes for which originals may have been desired (the Commission neither got nor wanted any originals), it is neither necessary nor desirable to conclude that there can be nothing but innocence. I doubt the State Department is so solicitous of the rights of those it considers traitors.

If you and Jim intend following down CD906, it might be interesting if not fruitful, when we consider there is no evidence LHO ever used any of his benefits, at least I do not recall any. Like educational benefits. Or is my recollection faulty.

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